

Senate Resolution 155

By: Senators Hooks of the 14th, Staton of the 18th, Adelman of the 42nd, Williams of the 19th and Reed of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Millard Fuller; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the passing of one of its finest citizens and one of
3 the nation's leading public servants and entrepreneurs, Mr. Millard Fuller, on February 3,
4 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, born on January 3, 1935, in Lanett, Alabama, Mr. Fuller earned his law degree
6 from the University of Alabama in 1960 before cofounding the Fuller and Dees Marketing
7 Group and serving as partner in the Fuller and Dees law firm; and

8 WHEREAS, a millionaire at the age of 29, Mr. Fuller's most notable contribution was his
9 founding of Habitat for Humanity, a charity that builds homes for the poor throughout the
10 United States and around the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller's vision of affordable housing built by families in need and local
12 volunteers was first attempted in the Koinonia Christian community in Americus, Georgia,
13 and he later moved to Zaire, Africa, to test his model for community rebuilding and
14 vitalization; and

15 WHEREAS, after spending three years in Africa and helping many families build their own
16 homes, Mr. Fuller returned to the United States and formed Habitat for Humanity, with the
17 charity's headquarters based in Americus, its first national affiliate in San Antonio, Texas,
18 and its first international affiliate formed in Guatemala; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1984, Habitat for Humanity gained world-wide publicity when former United
20 States President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalyn, became Habitat for Humanity partners;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, through his vision and dedication, Habitat for Humanity has helped more than
23 300,000 families move from deplorable housing into simple homes they helped build and can
24 afford; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2005, Mr. Fuller continued his altruistic deeds with the founding of the Fuller
26 Center for Housing, a charity also devoted to helping families in need of homes; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller's dedicated public service and remarkable contributions to the United
28 States and the world were recognized by President Bill Clinton with the Medal of Freedom;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller was renowned for his significant organizational and leadership
31 talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity
32 to the needs of the citizens of his community, earning him the respect and admiration of his
33 colleagues and associates; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller's surviving family includes his loving and devoted wife, Linda, four
35 remarkable children, Christopher, Kimberly, Faith, and Georgia, and eight delightful
36 grandchildren; and

37 WHEREAS, this magnanimous and caring Georgian will long be remembered by his family,
38 friends, and neighbors and the thousands of families whose lives he has influenced.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body hereby joins
40 in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Millard Fuller and commending his many great
41 achievements.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Millard Fuller.